## IN THE ABSTRACT

An illuminating fire hose includes a fire hose having a first end, a second end, an interior wall and an exterior wall remote therefrom. The hose includes a sleeve secured over the exterior surface of the fire hose, the sleeve carrying at least one light emitting element adapted for selectively emanating light. The at least one light emitting element is continuously visible between the first and second ends of the fire hose. When an individual is fighting a fire, the illuminating fire hose emanates visible light that enables the individual to locate the hose in a dark and/or smoke filled environment.